

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 30, 2001

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1634

Introduced by Assembly Member Chan

February 23, 2001

~~An act to amend Section 1596.80 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to child day care. An act to add Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 8499.8) to Part 6 of the Education Code, relating to early childhood education.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1634, as amended, Chan. ~~Child day care~~ *Early childhood education.*

Existing law establishes an advisory committee to assist the State Department of Education in developing a state plan for child development programs and to provide ongoing coordination and communication to local child care planning councils to facilitate activities and provide technical assistance as needed.

This bill would require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges, to establish a task force to, by January 1, 2003, identify model programs, standards, and curricula for teaching early childhood educators to work with diverse families and to encourage respect for diversity in young children. The bill would require, by January 1, 2003, the State Department of Education and the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges to apply the standards identified in the development of an intensive, long-term training program to educate

faculty members of early childhood education departments, as specified.

The bill would require that after the State Department of Education and the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges complete these requirements, every community college with an early childhood education department shall begin a three-year effort to ensure the universal availability of early childhood education courses on diversity, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

~~Existing law, the California Child Day Care Facilities Act, generally regulates the licensure and operation of child day care facilities, as defined.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to a provision in that act relating to the licensing of child day care facilities.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 1596.80 of the Health and Safety Code~~
 2 SECTION 1. Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 8499.8)
 3 is added to Part 6 of the Education Code, to read:

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5 CHAPTER 2.5. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR TRAINING

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7 8499.8. (a) The State Department of Education, in
 8 conjunction with the Chancellor's Office of the California
 9 Community Colleges, shall establish a task force to identify model
 10 programs, standards, and curricula for teaching early childhood

1 *educators to work with diverse families and to encourage respect*
2 *for diversity in young children.*

3 *(b) The State Department of Education and the Chancellor's*
4 *Office of the California Community Colleges shall apply the*
5 *standards identified pursuant to subdivision (a) in the*
6 *development of an intensive, long-term training program to*
7 *educate faculty members of early childhood education*
8 *departments on all of the following:*

9 *(1) The integration of diverse content into all aspects of early*
10 *childhood education training.*

11 *(2) The development of specific college courses to train*
12 *teachers and administrative personnel to work with diverse*
13 *families and to teach respect for diversity.*

14 *(c) The requirements in subdivisions (a) and (b) shall be*
15 *completed by January 1, 2003. After the completion of the*
16 *requirements in subdivisions (a) and (b), every community college*
17 *with an early childhood education department shall begin a*
18 *three-year effort to ensure the universal availability of early*
19 *childhood education courses on diversity.*

20 *SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government*
21 *Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this*
22 *act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local*
23 *agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
24 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
25 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the*
26 *claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars*
27 *(\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State*
28 *Mandates Claims Fund.*

29 *is amended to read:*

30 ~~1596.80. No person, firm, partnership, association, or~~
31 ~~corporation shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain~~
32 ~~a child day care facility in this state without a current, valid license~~
33 ~~therefor, as provided by this act.~~